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In re Application of:

Cart, John Steven

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Title: Composition of Drilling Fluids Comprising Ground Elastomeric Crumb Rubber Material and a Method of Decreasing Seepage and Whole Mud Loss Using Such Composition

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RESPONSE

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IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claim 15.

Please add claim 18.